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**COMMISSIONERS DO NOT AGREE.**  
Sharp Talk at Factory Act Investigation.

Mr. McDonald Quarrels With Fellow Commissioners and Warmly Attacks W. F. Hatheway.

At last evening's session of the Factory Act Commission, the first witness to be examined was Peter C. Sharkey. Mr. Sharkey was strongly in favor of a Factory Act, and told of conditions which he believed, called for such remedial legislation. He knew of children who had been compelled to work under conditions in a city bakery. He thought the conditions in St. John tobacco factories were such as would make it impossible for all to escape in case of fire and also that particles of tobacco floating about were injurious. There was a single closet to be used in one factory by about 30 women and about 60 men. Laundries were found to be exposed to hot and much of the machinery was not protected that might have been. In his judgment there were children under 14 years of age who worked in these factories.

James R. Warner, lumber manufacturer, described the conditions in his mill. D. H. Melvin, city electrician, told of visiting some new saw mills and other member of the Fabian League. In North End mills he found boys under 14 years of age. One of these was running a saw. In another mill he found a boy not over ten years of age. Thos. Kieckhafer, harness maker, thought the province needed a factory act. He was strongly against employment which called girls out early in the morning. William Griot, moulder, described how his occupation was attended with much danger. R. G. Murray, barrister, gave some reasons why a Factory Act should be passed. It was needed, he said, to protect sanitary conditions and to set a limit to children's hours. He also mentioned that it would give employers the right to appeal to some authority for the correction of grievances. He believed there should be little delay in the enactment of such a law. John was on the verge of the sweat-shop system.

Other witnesses examined last evening were Jas. R. Woodburn, Thomas Fitzgerald and Charles McCrystal. At this morning's session of the commission, the first witness to be examined was Rev. A. J. W. Nicholson. He thought a Factory Act was a necessity in New Brunswick. The factory should be a large body of the population and should have in its power to deal more effectively with the questions concerning themselves. Only yesterday he visited a factory in the city and found the sanitary arrangements were poor and the thirty-five or more employees who were crowded together in a room were cramped. He talked with a number of the employees and they expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the existing conditions. The factory was in mind was an axe factory. W. F. Hatheway, wholesale grocer, was the next witness. He was of the opinion that a Factory Act was necessary and gave some reasons for such legislation. In many of the factories the doors opened inward, the stairways were dark, dust was abundant, machinery was unguarded and sanitation was unsatisfactory. One great reason why there should be a Factory Act was that in many places there were children under 14 years of age employed.

After describing his visits to several factories, Mr. Hatheway was asked in answer to a question of Mrs. Fluke, that he kept what could be classed as a factory. He had several in his possession. He admitted that considerable dust was encountered by the workmen and he had often talked with his foreman about methods of providing against it. Here Commissioner McDonald jumped on Mr. Hatheway. It was a very remarkable thing, he said, that a man posing as a labor leader, and a reformer and pretending to be so terribly concerned about the welfare of his workmen should come before that commission and be forced to admit that a state of affairs similar to those he tried to expose in other factories existed in his own. In the course of a rather vicious attack, he compared Mr. Hatheway to the well known biblical character who thanked God that he was not as other men were. Mr. Hatheway's only response was that he thought the commissioners were appointed to act as judges, not as advocates.

James Pender, of the Pender Nail Works, described the conditions at his factory. He employed no boys under fourteen years of age. Ventilation at the factory is afforded by sky lights. A fan is used to draw off the smoke from the forges. His employees number about 70, at whose disposal there are four water closets. With the exception of Saturday his employees cease work at six o'clock in the evening. On Saturday they cease at 5 o'clock. The ten hour system is followed. Such parts of his machinery as require it are guarded and effectively worked. He did not think that the conditions as they existed in the city called for a factory act. There was no undue congestion of labor here, in fact there was not steady employment. One of the principal things which legislation is needed for is sanitation. He thought, however, the board of health could be empowered to look after this. To Com. Kelly he said he was not aware that his employees held a meeting for the purpose of having redressed certain grievances. To Com. McDonald he said he would not discharge an employe who made complaint to him of what the employe

**RUSSIAN FLEET BEATEN, FLEE IN ALL DIRECTIONS.**  
**Togo Reports Battleship Czarevitch Sunk--Russian Destroyer Captured After Fierce Hand to Hand Fight -- Another Victory for Kuroki.**

TOKIO, Aug. 12. Admiral Togo reports that the Russian battleship Czarevitch was probably sunk on Aug. 10.

TOKIO, Aug. 12.—1.30 p. m.—It is believed here that the majority of the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur.

**RUSSIAN FLEET DISPERSED.**  
LONDON, Aug. 12.—A despatch from Tokyo to the Japanese legation here says: According to reports received up to the present the Russian squadron emerged from Port Arthur was attacked by our fleet about 10 a. m. (Thursday). The Askold, Novik and another cruiser and destroyer took refuge at Kiao Chow. Another destroyer took refuge at Chefoo. On Aug. 11 five Russian battleships, a cruiser, several torpedo destroyers, and several torpedo boats, seemed to regain Port Arthur.

Our fleet is believed to be undamaged. CHIEF P.O., Aug. 12, 1 p. m.—The report that two Russian cruisers and one torpedo boat destroyer had entered the port of Tsing Tau last night (Thursday), is confirmed. The cruisers are the Askold and the Diana, not the Novik. It is believed that the attempt of the Russian ships at Port Arthur to join the Vladivostok squadron has been thwarted.

Private interests seeking information for Tsing Tau. His preparations were made in great haste. RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP DAMAGED. CHEUNG, Aug. 12.—The fleet of Togo confirms the arrival last night at Tsing Chou (at the entrance of Kiao Chou Bay, the German concession) of the Russian battleship Czarevitch (not the protected cruiser Askold), the protected cruiser Novik and an unnamed torpedo boat. The Askold is not seaworthy, having been damaged in Wednesday's fight. The foreign office reports that the Russian fleet is now in the hands of the Japanese.

SCATTERED EVERYWHERE. SHANGHAI, Aug. 12.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer arrived here today. It is reported that four Russian battleships left the harbor of Port Arthur about seventy miles southeast of this port. Three Russian cruisers are supposed to have arrived at Tsing Chou (at the entrance of Kiao Chou Bay), the German concession on the Shantung peninsula.

CHIEF P.O., Aug. 12, 7 p. m.—An undoubted authority confirms the reports that Russian warships have arrived at Tsing Chou. The fleet consists of the protected cruisers Novik and Askold, and a battleship of the Czarevitch type. Two of them and one torpedo boat destroyer, he adds, were taking Cardiff coal on board. One cruiser and one torpedo boat destroyer are now making Shanghai. There are indications that the remainder of the Russian squadron has returned to Port Arthur. The Japanese are guarding all points.

might consider unsatisfactory conditions. To Com. Shives he said he had looked over the draft of the factory act and considered that it would impose a lot of artificial regulations which could never be carried out. Com. Kelly—Other provinces have factory legislation and it has proved beneficial. Why should not New Brunswick have similar legislation? Mr. Pender thought compulsory school legislation would remedy the troubled question of child employment. The Fabian League, he thought, were the agitators of the question of factory legislation, otherwise it would never have been forced upon the country.

Mrs. Fluke explained that the Trades Union Labor Council originated the scheme or urged it upon this province. Rev. J. C. B. Appel said that he was in favor of factory legislation. He did not pretend to be very familiar with the question, though from personal observations he thought it was much needed. He was also in favor of compulsory school attendance.

Rev. H. H. Roach said that he was interested in the movement for factory legislation, and believed that it was needed in this province. He instanced cases of parties sending their children to work in factories when they should have been sent to school. The board of health might look after the matter of sanitation.

At this stage the commission took a recess, owing to a lack of witnesses. After recess, T. S. Simms, of Simms & Co., brass manufacturers, gave information respecting his factory. Personally, he did not think that a Fac-

actory act was necessary. He, however, would have no objection to a proper Factory Act—one with few objectionable features. Mrs. Fluke asked Mr. Simms if he would be in favor of a nine-hour system. Chairman Palmer did not think that the question was quite in order. Both Mrs. Fluke and Mr. Kelly said that time was mentioned in the draft act and thought it was quite proper to ask such a question. Mr. Simms made answer that he would have no objection to a nine-hour system if it were inaugurated. To Com. Kelly Mr. Simms said he did not employ a certified engineer. His engineer, however, was a capable workman. The commissioners, who visited the Simms' brass factory yesterday, gratulated Mr. Simms on the splendid conditions prevailing there. Com. McDonald asked Mr. Simms if he would discharge his employes if they came before the commission and gave evidence derogatory to his factory. Mr. Simms replied that he would be glad to have his employes testify and would not object if they said interfere with their employment. Commissioners Kelly and McDonald had a little verbal spat at this point, during which Mr. Kelly said that Mr. McDonald seemed disposed to disagree with everyone. The commission adjourned at one o'clock and met again at three. The commission yesterday afternoon visited the Hartt & Simms cigar factories. Simms' brass factory and White's candy factory.

**CZAR AT LAST HAS A SON.**  
Hopes of Emperor and People are Realized.

The Long Wished for Heir to the Throne of All the Russias Came Today.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12, 12:35 p. m.—A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born. The empress and the child are doing well. The announcement occurred at two o'clock this afternoon.

The birth so greatly wished for, that of an heir to the Russian crown, occurred at Alexandra Villa, in a secluded corner of the magnificent Peterhof Park.

In one of these buildings the empress had been living for weeks. The other three are occupied by members of the Imperial family, gathered there in expectation of today's event, including the empress' mother, his majesty and two sisters, the Grand Duchesses Xenia and Olga, his brother, Grand Duke Michael and other relatives. The Alexandra Villa is a much more private spot than the Grand Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—From this section of the park, the public had been excluded for days past. The birth of the heir to the throne was attended with all the ceremonial ordained by Imperial tradition. In accordance with the Russian law, there were present besides the Emperor, Baron Fredericks, the master of the ceremonies, and Prince Dolgorouky, the grand marshal of the court. Dr. Rott, the emperor's family physician, was the accoucheur, and Dr. Hiruchi surgeon in attendance. Dr. Rott personally announced the birth of the heir to the awaiting Imperial family. A formal announcement will be published in the Official Messenger. An imperial salute of 101 guns was subsequently fired from the Peterhof and it was then repeated by all the forts around St. Petersburg.

The christening of the heir will occur in a fortnight. It will be a ceremony of the most elaborate kind, in accordance with Russian Imperial custom it will be performed in the Imperial chapel of the Peterhof.

LATER. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—The birth occurred at 12:30 p. m., not at 2 o'clock this afternoon, as previously called. The child will be christened Alexis.

As the succession to the Russian throne runs in the male line, the czar's lack of a son has been a source of great anxiety to both him and the Russian people. He has four daughters: Olga, born Nov. 15, 1895; Tikhana, born June 10, 1897; Maria, born June 26, 1899, and Anastasia, born June 10, 1901.

Until the birth of the czar's son today, the heir to the throne was Grand Duke Michael, brother of the czar, wrestling their lieutenant from him. Later reports claim that a majority of the Russians reached shore safely. It will be some time before this is accurately determined.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR KUROKI. GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, near Towa, Aug. 1.—(Delayed in transmission)—Yesterday's battle consisted of a double attack for the purpose of driving the Russians from their strong defences commanding the Yangtze Pass on the Liao Yang road, through the first range of hills beyond Mollen Pass and also to drive them from Yusu Fung, on the road to Mukden. The operations extended over a front of fifty miles in length. Both attacks were successful in respect to carrying local points, but the Japanese plans were not fulfilled, for the reasons that they contemplated partly surrounding the enemy, capturing many and possibly capturing the batteries. The Russians managed to retreat with all

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their guns except one. They carried away their dead and wounded and they left more prisoners behind them than in several recent outpost skirmishes.

**THE WEATHER.**  
FORECASTS—Light to moderate northerly winds; fair and cool, with few scattered showers. Saturday light to moderate, variable winds, fine with a high temperature.  
Synopsis—Maritime. Showers have over Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and the temperatures have been comparatively low. To Banks, moderate northerly to westerly winds; to American Ports, moderate northerly winds.  
The temperature at noon today was 88 above.  
TIDE TABLE.  
High water today, 12:16 p. m.; tomorrow, 12:39 a. m., 1:05 p. m.

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